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TWO SONGS OF THE ENIGMA

For L. F. S.

MODERN LOVE SONG

Now that the evenfall is come
  And the sun fills the flaring trees,
And everything is mad, lit, dumb,
  And in the pauses of the breeze
A far voice seems to call me home
  To haven beyond woods and leas—

I feel again how sharply stings
  The spell which binds our troubled dust
With hint of divine frustrated things;
  The Soul's deep doubt and desperate trust
That she at sunset shall find wings
  To bear her beyond Now and Must.

So place your head against my head
  And set your lips upon my lips,
That so I may be comforted;
  For ah! the world so from me slips,
To the world-sunset I am sped
  Where Soul and Silence come to grips
  And Love stands sore-astonishèd.